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PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES v. Douglas Nail

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle and New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer announced today that DOUGLAS NAIL, 47, of Depew, N.Y., pled guilty to possession of child pornography before United States District Judge William M. Skretny. The maximum penalty is 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.00.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul J. Campana and Assistant New York State Attorney General Paul F. McCarthy said Nail admitted to possessing more than 600 images of child pornography. Mr. McCarthy said that investigators from the New York State Police, the New York State Attorney General's Office, working as part of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, assisted by the agents from the Buffalo FBI Field Office, executed a search warrant at the defendant's Depew, N.Y., residence on January 23 2004. The agents and investigators recovered evidence that Nail possessed a large supply of child pornography on his computer and on compact disks.

The prosecutors said that, according to the plea agreement presented to Judge Skretny today, and pursuant to Federal Sentencing Guidelines, they expect that Nail's prison sentence will be 10 years.

Today's guilty plea was the result of an investigation by the New York State Attorney General's Office, the New York State Police, the Federal Bureau of investigation (Peter Ahearn, Special Agent-In-Charge), and the Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory. Judge Skretny ordered Nail released on bail, under the supervision of the U.S. Probation Office. Judge Skretny will impose sentence on December 9, 2004.